

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786.

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A petition from James Taylor, of Charles county, a maimed soldier, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Turner and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:
By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the petition of John Briscoe, of Saint Mary's county.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by an act passed April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe, it appears, that power was vested in the said Briscoe, under certain restrictions, to settle and receive the debts due to James Buchanan and company; but the petitioner being one of the said company, conceives he is not at liberty, under the restrictions of the said act, to comply fully with the directions therein contained. Your committee are of opinion, that a law ought to pass, repealing the said act, and confirming every thing under the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. F. Bowie has leave of absence till Thursday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal part of the act for the security of the government. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Wright, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Paca and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 21, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Grahame. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Wallace, appeared in the house.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the president and directors of the Patowmack company, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted, and that the time should be extended to the said company for making and improving the navigation between the Great Falls of said river and Fort Cumberland, until the 17th November, 1790. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Taney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:
By the COMMITTEE to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Wilson, of Saint Mary's county.

YOUR committee have considered what is set forth in said petition, and believe the same to be true, and think the petitioner entitled to the beneficence of her country, and that she should be relieved accordingly. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Briscoe was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, praying an act may pass to repair and streighten the public roads leading to the capital markets for the sale of the produce of this state, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Johnson, Mr. Faw, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Chase, Mr. Stull, Mr. Owings and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Forrest brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chase communicates to the house a letter from Alexander Contee Hanson, Esquire, with a collection of the laws of Maryland, printed by Mr. Frederick Green, which was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and authorise marriages within this state by the ministers of the society of christians called Methodists; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Moore, of Kent county, setting forth, that he purchased Thomas Pearce's right to a tract of land called Harris's Forest; that the said land was afterwards sold as confiscated property belonging to James Chalmers; that he became the purchaser, and passed his bond for the sum of £. 600 to this state, although the said Chalmers was indebted to him; and praying that the said purchase may be confirmed, and that his bond may be cancelled; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Wright and Mr. Paca, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of the president and directors of the Patowmack company, in behalf of the said company, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase and Mr. Faw, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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